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SUBJ: NEW MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NEW ZEALAND

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1. GOM FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPT 16 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF K. THARMARATNAM, CURRENTLY COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, AS NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NEW ZEALAND. THARMARATNAM REPLACES JACK DE SILVA WHO RAN AFOUL OF BOTH GNZ AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE OF HIS STRONGLY-HELD ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS AND HIS GOVT'S SURVEILLANCE OF MALAYSIAN STUDENTS OVERSEAS.

2. THARMARATNAM, 43 YEARS OLD, JOINED FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1958 AND SERVED IN LONDON, SEOUL, WASHINGTON AND NEW DELHI. HE HAS SERVED IN HONG KONG SINCE SEPT 1972, AND IS SLATED TO ARRIVE IN WELLINGTON IN LATE OCTOBER.

3. BECAUSE THARMARATNAM HAS NOT SERVED RECENTLY IN K.L. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN HONG KONG'S COMMENTS ON HIS PERFORMANCE THERE,

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